existing Election Laws and the improvements made thereto by the recently enacted Representation of the People (Amendment) Act, 1988, the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 etc. contain adequate provisions.

Appeal by Christian churches during recent Mizoram elections

2412. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindi Daily Janasatta of January 15, 1989 to the effect that during the recent election campaign in Mizoram a joint appeal was issued by ten churches which in effect favoured a particular party;

(b) if so, what was the text of the appeal; and

(c) whether such appeals attract any provisions of the law barring use of religious places for political purposes, if so, what steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government's attention has been drawn to the news item referred to. It may be clarified, however, that the joint appeal does not seem to contain anything favouring any particular political party. The appeal made is a general one to the people of Mizoram asking them mainly to conduct the election campaign in a fair manner, vote freely and extend support to candidates who are free from social evils.

(c) The Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 has provisions prohibiting a religious institution or manager thereof from using or allowing the use of any premises belonging to or under the control of the institution, *inter alia*, for the promotion or propagation of any political activity. Whether the provisions of the Act have been infringed or not is a matter to be determined by the authorities concerned under a judicial process in accordance with the due process of law.

Non-Plan expenditure of Central Government

2413. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total Non-Plan expenditure of the Central Government upto the end of December, 1988 during the current financial year;

(b) how does it compare with the corresponding period during each of the last two financial years; and

(c) what specific steps have been taken during the current year to effectively curb Non-Plan expenditure of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K GADHVI): (a) to (c) The amounts booked in the accounts of a month do not fully reflect the transactions that have taken place in that month and there is a varying time lag before the entire expenditure is adjusted under appropriate heads. Further the pace of expenditure in a month will depend on the time schedule of contractual payments commitments etc. which may vary from year to year. Hence month-wise figures of expenditure will not provide a basis for fair comparison. The expenditure figure booked in a year as a whole would be more representative of the actual expenditure incurred in that year. The figures of Non-Plan expenditure over the previous years and the estimated expenditure of current year and their broad break up are given in the Budget document—Expenditure Budget

Vol-I already presented to Parliament. The structure of expenditure of Government and the measures taken to control expenditure have been indicated in the Budget Speech of Finance Minister.

Investigations against Concord International

2414. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 793 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th November, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Director of Enforcement have since completed the investigation into the alleged receipt of commission by Concord International from Sumitomo Corporation;

(b) whether the Japanese company, Sumitomo Corporation and Mr. Vinod Khanna's Concord International will be black-listed for such offences which go against laws of this country; and

(c) what are the other activities and product lines of Concord International which are connected with ONGC and whether M/s. Concord International is still involved in the business with the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Income due to enhancement of service charges by banks

2415. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the additional income of all nationalised banks due to enhancement of service charges of clearing up cheques and drafts; and

(b) in what way and where this additional income is likely to be utilised by the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) According to Reserve Bank of India, the system of reporting by public sector banks does not generate separate information about the additional income accruing due to exhancement of service charges of clearing up cheques and drafts.

(b) The additional income accruing to banks on account of increase in service charges would partially cover the cost of services rendered by them.

Income tax defaulters

2416. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of income-tax defaulters in the country amounting to more than rupees one lakh till March, 1988;

(b) the steps, if any being taken against these defaulters; and

(c) what is the amount recovered till December, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Information relating to assessees all over the country in whose case income-tax demand of Rs. One lakh or more was outstanding till March, 1988, is not available. However, the number of assessees who owed income-tax of more than Rs. 10 lakhs as on 31st March, 1988 is 3712.

(b) The steps taken to realise the income-tax from defaulters include levy of penalty, issue of garnishee